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MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY SHOT LIBYAN FEARS BETRAYING COLLEAGUES
FORT COLLINS, COLO. (UPI) -- A FORMER GREEN BERET ACCUSED OF
SHOOTING A LIBYAN DISSIDENT IS RELUCTANT TO TESTIFY AT HIS TRIAL
BECAUSE HE FEARS HE WOULD BETRAY COLLEAGUES WHO MAY BE WORKING FOR
THE CIA, IT WAS REPORTED SATURDAY.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, QUOTING AN UNNAMED "CLOSE" ASSOCIATE OF
DEFENDANT EUGENE ALOYS TAFDPA OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.H., SAID
TAFDPA IS RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE STAND IN HIS TRIAL.

TAFDPA, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, IS AFRAID OF BETRAYING COLLEAGUES
ON SECRET MISSIONS, SOME OF WHOM HE BELIEVED WERE BACKED BY THE CIA.

TAFDPA IS CHARGED WITH SHOOTING COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE
STUDENT FAISAL ZAGALLAI OCT. 14, 1980. TAFDPA'S ATTORNEY, WALTER
GERASH, IS ARGUING HIS CLIENT SHOT ZAGALLAI IN SELF DEFENSE.

JURY SELECTION WAS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE IN THE CASE MONDAY IN
LARIMER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.

PROSECUTORS ALLEGE TAFDPA WAS CONNECTED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL
NETWORK OF RETIRED SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL WORKING IN LIBYA FOR
FORMER CIA AGENT EDWIN P. WILSON.

TAFDPA HAS SAID HE WENT TO ZAGALLAI'S DOOR IN FORT COLLINS LAST
OCTOBER TO DELIVER A CIA WARNING THAT HE "TONE DOWN" ANTI-ZIONIST
BROADCASTS HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY MAKING TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THE DEFENSE
ARGUES THAT ZAGALLAI BECAME ENRAGED, REACHED FOR A GUN AND TAFDPA
SHOT HIM.

ALTHOUGH ZAGALLAI RECOVERED FROM THE ATTACK, HE WAS BLINDED IN ONE
EYE.

DURING JURY SELECTION, GERASH ASKED PROSPECTIVE JURORS WHETHER
THEY HAD READ SPY OR MYSTERY NOVELS. WHEN ONE SAID HE HAD READ "THE
SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD," GERASH DECLARED HE HAD DISCOVERED THE
'PERFECT JUROR.'

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